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LAPORTE COUNTY

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MINUTES

LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

To be held at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Decker called the meeting to order.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners present.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>
 - A. May 4, 2016
- 6. <u>CLAIMS</u>
 - A. Payroll Ending 05/06/2016-\$1,056,195.56 Miscellaneous Claims-\$813,814.26
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Metheny appeared to ask for more information about the potential hiring of two Social Workers and he wanted to discuss the appraisal of the County Home.

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Mary Jane Thomas appeared to request out of state travel for Economic Development. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

Jerry Cooley-Maintenance-Appeared to inform the Commission that the 6 ton air conditioner unit on the roof has gone out. He stated that the HVAC person that they hired will be able to install a new one, which will save the County thousands in labor costs. He said the elevator in Michigan City is still malfunctioning. He also asked for permission to bid a repair in Michigan City for 8th street roof. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow Mr. Cooley to seek bids for the roof on 8th street. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Cooley also indicated that the contractors for the scaffolding told him that the masonry company indicated that scaffolding is not necessary for the project.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Rep. Scott Pelath on request for less restrictive access for voters seeking early voting option at Courthouses.

Representative Pelath indicated that he took his daughter to vote and felt that voting would be easier and less intimidating if the voters were not subject to Courthouse security.

- 10. REQUESTS
 - A. Mainstreet Association-Request permission to use the Michigan City Courthouse parking lot on July 15, 2016 for the charity car show.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote,

- B. John Espar-Prosecutor-Request for travel to Wisconsin and Arizona for training.
- Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

 C. John Boyd-Sheriff-Request for renewal of Credit Card contract with Lieberman.

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- Appeared to renew a contract with Liberman technologies. Commissioner Bohacek moves to allow the contract to be signed when the language to address the proper county is added. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Regional Sewer District request of Commissioners to approve income survey in support of OCRA Grant for Rolling Prairie sewer system.
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E. Steve Eyrick-Adult Probation-Request for travel to California for training. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

Consider engaging architectural services of American StructurePoint for basement renovation of Adult Probation Department in County Complex.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion Carried by voice vote.

B. Consider retaining The Gorman Group to perform statutorily-required second appraisal of County Home prior to listing for sale.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. 12.

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Consider resolution declaring opposition to imposing new local option taxes or a wheel tax. Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - B. Mike Yacullo-Request signature of Countywide Bridge Inspection Contract with USI Consultants. Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - C. Presentation by Swanson CEO Matt Burden/Dr. Kora on possible means of lowering county's low birthweight baby rate by engaging at least two (2) new social workers through County Health Department to conduct multiple in-home pre-natal visits to at-risk mothers.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to recommend to the Council that the County Hire 2 social workers. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bohacek voiced his concern and frustration with the folks at KIP. He said the Halfwassens have an inability to work with others. He also thanked the emergency workers and law enforcement for everything they do, he mentioned that it is EMS week.

Commissioner Kora echoed Commissioner Bohacek's concerns about the KIP. He indicated that the legal team would continue to work and hopefully come to a resolution soon. He also thanked all of the EMS and Law Enforcement personnel.

Commissioner Decker expressed frustration about KIP,

14. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bohacek moves to adjourn. Commissioner Kora seconds.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DATE. ATTEST: LA PORTE COUNTY. Auditor